

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A mobile guide communications system comprising:
 - a portable device including a display, an infra-red communication unit, and a wireless communication unit;
 - a plurality of object servers, each object server associated with an object and including an infrared communication unit configured to communicate with the portable devices; and
 - a central server including a wireless communication unit, the central server being configured to retrieve data embodying information concerning a selected object and to transmit the data to a particular portable device via the wireless communication unit in response to a request by the particular portable device, wherein the central server is further configured to retrieve the data based on an object identification code, separate from the retrieved data, included in the request.
2. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 1, wherein the display is configured to display at least one of a multimedia presentation, a text display, a graphics display and an audio presentation.
3. **(Original)** The system of claim 1, wherein the portable device further comprises an internet connection.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 1, wherein the portable device further comprises processing circuitry configured to obtain ~~[[an]]~~the object identification code from an object server, to transmit the object identification code to the central server, to obtain, from the central server, information concerning ~~[[an]]~~the selected object, and to present the information to a user.
5. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 1, wherein the object server further comprises a memory including ~~[[an]]~~the object identification code associated with ~~[[an]]~~the selected object, and software code for causing the object server to transfer the object identification code in response to a request from a portable device.
6. **(Original)** The system of claim 5, wherein the object server operates in a wait mode until communications are established with a portable device.
7. **(Original)** The system of claim 5, wherein the object server is located within a predetermined distance from its associated specific object.
8. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 1, wherein the central server includes:

a database including information associated with different objects at an exhibition; and

~~[[an]]~~the object identification code associated with~~[[for]]~~ each object.
9. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 8, wherein the central server further comprises software for causing the central server to receive ~~[[a]]~~the request for information concerning ~~a specific~~ the selected object, ~~wherein the request includes an object identification code.~~
10. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 9, wherein the central server is configured for internet access, and wherein the central server further comprises software adapted for causing a terminal client to:

obtain ~~[[an]]~~the object identification code from the ~~specific-object server~~[[s]] associated with the selected object, when the terminal is in range of an infrared communications unit of ~~[[an]]~~the object server associated with the selected object;

obtain the requested object information from the central server; and

present the obtained information.

11. (Currently Amended) A method in a mobile guide system comprising:

establishing an infrared connection between a mobile terminal and an object server associated with a specific object;

transferring an object ~~identity~~identification code from the object server to the mobile terminal over the infrared connection;

establishing a wireless connection between the mobile terminal and a central server;

transferring the object ~~identity~~identification code to the central server via the wireless connection, wherein the object identification code is included in a request for data that embodies information concerning the specific object;

retrieving the requested data that embodies information about the specific object from a database ~~[[of]]~~accessible by the central server based on the object ~~identity~~identification code, wherein the requested data is separate from the identification code;

transferring the retrieved data that embodies information to the mobile terminal; and

presenting the information on a display of the mobile terminal.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the presenting the information ~~presented is~~comprises presenting at least one of an Internet link, a multimedia display, a text display, a graphics display and an audio presentation.

- 13. (Currently Amended)** A machine-accessible medium having encoded thereon instructions for causing a machine to:
- obtain an object identification code from an object server;
 - transmit the object identification code to a central server, wherein the object identification code is included in a request for data that embodies information concerning an object associated with the object identification code;
 - receive the requested data that is separate from the transmitted object identification code embodying information concerning an object associated with the object identification code; and
 - display the information for a user of a portable device.
- 14. (Previously Presented)** The medium of claim 13, further comprising instructions for causing the portable device to display the information as one of a multimedia presentation, a graphics presentation, a text display, and an audio presentation.
- 15. (Currently Amended)** A computer-readable medium having stored thereon instructions for causing a digital processing system to perform operations comprising:
- obtaining an object identification code from an object server;
 - transmitting the object identification code to a central server, the object identification code causing retrieval of information concerning an object associated with the object identification code;
 - receiving the data that embodies information concerning the object, wherein the received data is separate from the object identification code; and
 - displaying the information on a display of a portable device.
- 16. (Original)** The medium of claim 15, further comprising instructions to cause the portable device to display the information as one of a multimedia presentation, a graphics presentation, a text display, and an audio presentation.

17. **(Currently Amended)** The medium of claim 15, ~~wherein~~ further comprising instructions to cause the machine to obtain the object identification code ~~is obtained~~ from the object server over an infra-red link.
18. **(Currently Amended)** The medium of claim 15, ~~wherein~~ further comprising instructions to cause the machine to transmit the object identification code ~~is transmitted~~ over a wireless link to the central server.
19. **(Currently Amended)** A mobile guide communications system comprising:
 - a portable device for communicating information concerning a selected object to a user, the portable device including a display, an infra-red communication unit, and a wireless communication unit;
 - a plurality of object servers, each object server associated with an object and including an infrared communication unit configured to communicate with the portable devices; and
 - a central server including a wireless communication unit, the central server being configured to retrieve data that embodies information concerning a selected object and to transmit the information to a particular portable device via the wireless communication unit in response to a request by the particular portable device, wherein the central server is further configured to retrieve the data based on an object identification code, separate from the retrieved data, included in the request.